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1. [] ship was enroute to Klaipeda in December 1953. The locations of buoys 1, 2, and 3 were not in the position indicated in Nemedri. [] was not able to determine the precise depth of the harbor, [] it was deep enough for Liberty ships. The mother ship for the Polish herring fleet, which was the size of a Liberty ship, was observed entering the harbor. The herring was unloaded at the quay and later transferred to lighters for the trip to Moscow.
2. The tugboat which brought the pilot on board was accompanied by a patrol vessel (See Sketch No. 2). The pilot came on board as the ship approached the pier area; he was accompanied by a female doctor. Both the pilot and the doctor spoke poor English. The pilot wore a blue uniform and a flat white cap, but the doctor was not in uniform. The patrol vessel followed [] ship to its berth and it remained in the area when the ship was unloaded. The tugboat was a river tug about 25 meters long.
3. The quay at which [] ship was berthed was built of concrete; the quay was approximately 300 meters long and 50 meters wide. There were two narrow railway tracks on the quay. Two cranes (See Sketch No. 4) with a 6-ton lifting capacity each and freight cars were observed on the railway tracks. Two sentries armed with rifles and fixed bayonets were stationed on the quay near [] ship. The sentries were not in uniform. The harbor area itself was surrounded by a fence eight meters high.
4. The loading and unloading of ships in the harbor was done by both men and women and they worked in three shifts. The women served as crane operators. Electricity was furnished by plugging into connections installed on the cranes.
5. There were many military and naval personnel on leave in the city of Klaipeda. The streets of the city were paved with basalt stones. []

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There was a ferry between the city and Kurische Nehrung. Klaipeda is connected to Gdynia by canals. The harbor is open all year round, but the Dangis River freezes over in winter. [] in port, [] ships of 3,000 to 4,000 GRT up the Dangis River. Lumber was unloaded in the outer harbor and transported up the river to the sawmill.

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6. [] a large cruiser (No. 8 on the sketch of Klaipeda). [] the cruiser [] most closely resembled the KIROV Class cruisers illustrated in Jane's Fighting Ships. [] the two stacks on the cruiser were located slightly more forward than indicated in the illustration. []

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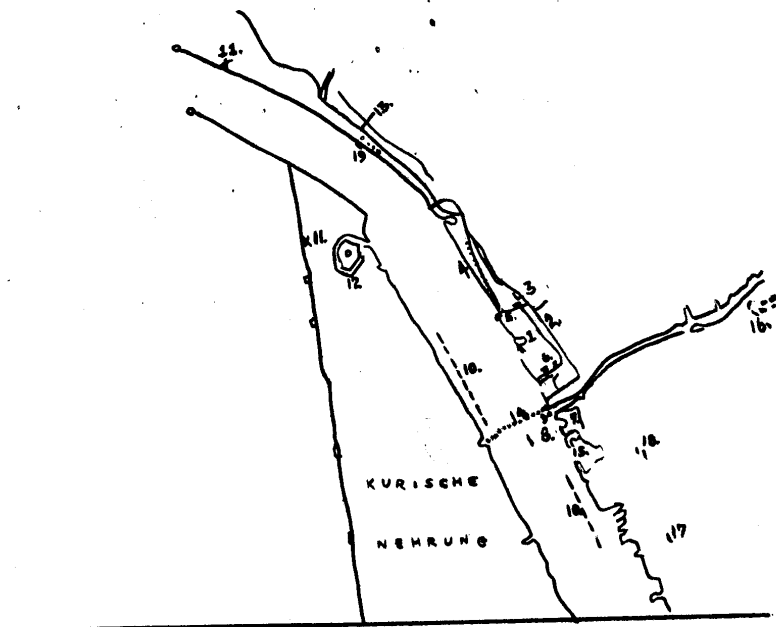
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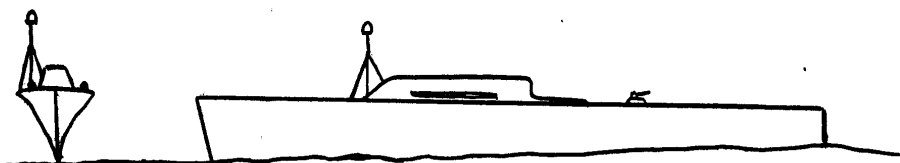
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Sketch No. 1:
Sketch of Klaipeda:



Sketch No. 2:
Sketch of Soviet Patrol Boat:



Sketch No. 3:
Sketch of Soviet Tornado Boat:



Sketch No. 4:
Sketch of Crane:



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Legend to the Sketch of Klaipeda

1. Berth of [] ship
2. Stone shed on the quay
3. Gate from the harbor area
4. Coal bunkers; there were two cranes in the area.
5. Stationary derrick with a lifting capacity of about 30 tons.
6. Berth for four small speed boats (MTBs)
7. Wharf where only naval vessels were repaired. Two small naval vessels of about 300 GRT were observed on the slipways. No new construction was observed.
8. Berth of a Soviet cruiser.
9. A large floating crane with a lifting capacity of about 60 tons, located near the wharf.
10. Approximately 40 or 50 motor torpedo boats anchored in the river. (See Sketch No. 3). Each vessel was equipped with torpedo tubes, one to port and the other to starboard. A gun and radar equipment were located forward, and there were two machine guns mounted aft on each vessel.
11. A lookout post, equipped with a machine gun and a searchlight. A similar post was located at Kurische Nehrung.
12. Outer fort; []
13. Six or eight freight cars on which were mounted antiaircraft guns of about 15 or 18 centimeters. The guns were manned. Other closed cars which served as living quarters were located next to the cars.
14. Ferry to Kurische Nehrung.
15. Berth for discharging lumber.
16. Lumber was unloaded at this location at the sawmill.
17. Cellulose plant, which has a smokestack about 90 meters high.
18. Electric power house.
19. Fuel tanks.

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